Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Evelyn West was born on September 12, 1915, to Ezra and Agnes (Goddard) West at a farm home east of Bemis, South Dakota, in Deuel County, and the family moved to Goodwin, South Dakota, 2 years later; and,

Whereas, Evelyn attended school at Goodwin for 11 years, completed her last year at Clear Lake High School where she graduated in 1932 at the age of 16, and sought employment where she could during those tough times of the "Dirty Thirties" working for a local hotel, picking potatoes, and sewing for government projects; and,

Whereas, Evelyn married Paul Siegfried on June 12, 1935, at the Baptist Parsonage in Clear Lake, South Dakota, and to that union five children were born of which four survived to adulthood: Arlene, Rollin, Lavonne and Keith, and she has also been blessed with 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, 4 step great-grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild due in October; and,

Whereas, Evelyn spent her 58 years of married life actively involved in the day-to-day operation of the farm, and, at the age of 57, also obtained employment outside the home at a retail store and later as a bookkeeper for a small business in Watertown, retiring in 1980; and,

Whereas, Evelyn was a self-taught pianist serving as pianist/organist at the First Baptist Church at Goodwin for 60 years, and was always serving her community through cooking, sewing, singing, or playing the piano; and

Whereas, Evelyn and Paul moved into their new home in Goodwin in 1977 where she resides today and maintains a small flower garden and enjoys going to the Senior Center to play cards; and,

Whereas, Evelyn and will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather at an open house on September 3, 2005, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2005, as

EVELYN SIEGFRIED DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State